

TEX. 189-PRES. V. 1-

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Presidio (189)  
County

PRESIDIO VIC.  
Town or Vicinity

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Fort Leaton (TEX-3103)

Structure

4 miles SE. of Presidio between Farm Rd. 170 and Rio Grande. Adobe, 141' x 202' overall, one story, flat-roofed vega construction, unglazed grilled or shuttered openings in walls 19" to 42" thick. Originally 37 rooms surrounded a patio courtyard. One outbuilding, a chapel, was still standing in 1936. Built c.1848 by Ben Leaton as a private "baronial" fortress protecting his holdings and the trade routes through the area, it became un-  
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Sept. 1933 issue.

official headquarters of U.S. Army troops patrolling the border. The site may have been occupied by a Spanish mission as early as 1684. Owned and undergoing restoration by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. 6 sheets (1936, including site plan, plan, elevations, section, and details); 9 ext. photos (1936, including 1 of chapel), 7 int. photos (1936); 2 data pages (1936).  
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